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The Honorable H. Alexander Smith
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Alex:

I appreciate your letter of 2 July 1954 regarding the possible investigation of CIA by the McCarthy Committee and the proposals by Peter Frelinghuysen in H. R. 9660.

I have had several talks with Peter Frelinghuysen and feel that he is taking a constructive and helpful attitude with regard to our problems here; however, I assume that it would be impracticable, and possibly unwise, to attempt to rush through legislation on this somewhat complex subject in the few remaining weeks of the present session.

As you have seen, Mr. Herbert Hoover is setting up a Task Force under the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, to be presided over by General Mark Clark, which will institute an early examination of our organizational setup. I propose to lay before General Clark, when he starts his work, copies of the various bills which have been submitted, including Mike Mansfield's proposal, that of Peter Frelinghuysen and others. Under these conditions possibly it would be wisest to await the report of the Task Force and review the entire matter in the next Congress.

In the light of statements recently made by Senator McCarthy, I should think it rather unlikely that he would take action during the closing days of this Congressional session to institute an investigation of the CIA in competition with the work of the Hoover Task Force. The situation is developing in an orderly manner and I trust that I

can handle without prejudice to our work here, any developments which may occur in the next weeks and months.

Your interest, and that of Peter Frelinghuysen, in this matter is much appreciated and if any untoward developments seem to be in the offing, I shall certainly get in touch with you.

Faithfully yours,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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